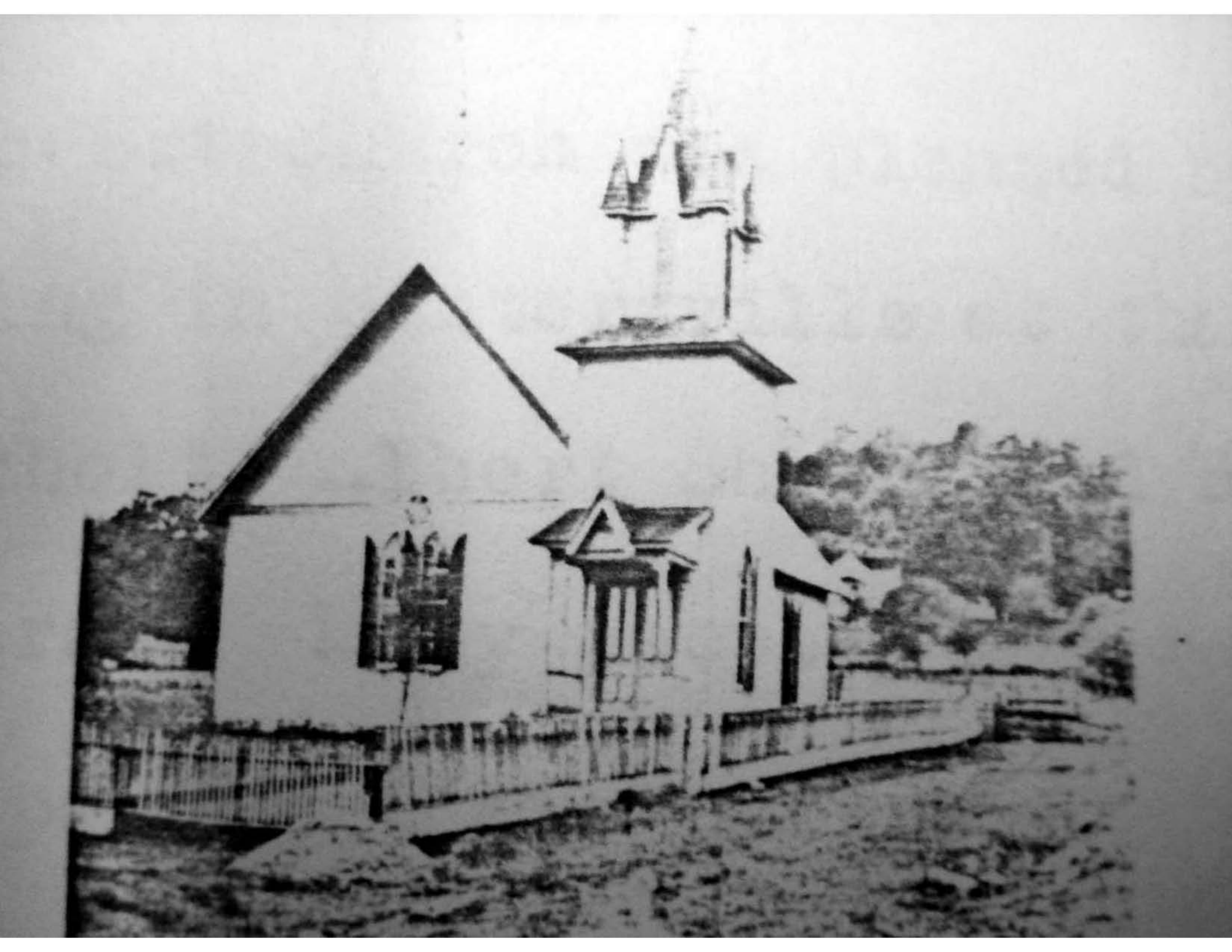

Chapter 6 - Sections 1 & 2.

Huntersville Methodist Church

The Methodist Episcopal Church South of Huntersville was built and dedicated in 1886. The Rev. Sixes preached the dedicatory sermon. Before the division of the Methodist Church in 1844 into Northern and Southern branches, the Methodists had an organization at this place, but the Huntersville organization then belonged to the Levelton Circuit.

The land for the church was given by William H. and Elizabeth V. Grose. The deed - June 19, 1884, between Wm. H. and Elizabeth V. Grose to Josiah C. Loury, Sr., Jno. J. Beard, P. M. Harper, Henry Grose and Amos Barlow, one lot # 15 in Huntersville in trust to be used for a place of Divine Worship by the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

This Methodist Church was planned by Mr. Sam Turk, an attorney, living in Huntersville at that time.

Henry Overholt, Albert Sharp, and Beckley McComb were the carpenters. Many people gave a few days work when they could by of paying their part.

At first the Methodists worshiped in the Court House. Then, when the Academy was built in 1842, that was used as a place of worship by Methodists of all branches, Episcopalians, and Presbytorians. The Presbyterian Church afterwards became the place where all denominations worshiped, but differences of doctrine prompted the building of a separate church.

Among the first members were:

Mr. and Mrs. Josiah C. Loury, Sr.
Mr. and Mrs. John J. Beard
P. L. Harper
Henry Grose
Thos Barlow
Mr. and Mrs. Forest Moore
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sharp
Mrs. Robert Mason
Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery Friel
Capt. Stover
Mrs. Wm. Campbell
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Loury
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Grose.
Mrs. James H. Doyle

The preachers who have served the church are:

Rev. Anderson
" Vogle
" J. D. Pope
" Thos. Cooper
" Dave Brimlon
" Thos Morgan
" H. D. Steeker
" Walker
" Olden
" Palmer Dubuck

Rev. Lenton

" Brubaker

" Shiley

" Simpson

Rev. M. M. De Haven, who moved here in October, 1940 and is the pastor at the present time.

Mrs. Wm. Grose was organist in this church from the time the time the church was built until a few months before her death about five years ago.

The first Sunday School was held in the Presbyterian Church. This was a Union Sunday School and Union Literature was used. This was before the Methodist Church was built. In 1878 the Methodists left the Presbyterians and held their Sunday School in an old school building on what was then the Dr. Patterson land. The Supt. of the Sunday School at the present time is Mrs. Robin Stover. The enrollment is about sixty-six persons.

The church membership is about thirty. They have preaching services the second and fourth Sundays of each month.

The Stewards are: Mrs. Amy Sharp and Mrs. L. J. Workman.

The Ladies Aid and the Missionary Societies have been reorganized into the Women's Division of Christian Service with Mrs. Jessie Pierson as President. This organization has thirteen members and meets once a month. They have a program of Missions and local work such as helping with the

[illegible] of the parsonage and church. The Methodist churches in the Hunterville circuit own the parsonage which is located at [illegible] Springs.

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